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REFS: A) USNATO 5580 141535Z OCT 75

B) USNATO 5861 281625Z OCT 74 (NOTAL)

1. AT NOV 20 SPC MEETING, FRENCH REP (DE LA FERRIERE) NOTED THAT SOME DELEGATIONS HAD RESERVATIONS CONCERNING THE SECOND SENTENCE IN THE FOOTNOTE PROPOSED BY THE FRENCH FOR ALL MBFR WORKING GROUP DOCUMENTS ON DATA (REF A). THE THEN MADE THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT.

2. BEGIN UNOFFICIAL TRANSLATION OF TEXT OF FRENCH STATEMENT:

CERTAIN DELEGATIONS MAINTAINING THEIR RESERVATIONS, WE WITHDRAW OUR REQUEST TO INCLUDE IN WORKING DOCUMENTS ON MBFR THE FOOTNOTE WHICH WE HAVE SUBMITTED.

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I CALL YOUR ATTENDTION, HOWEVER, TO THE FACT THAT THAT FOOTNOTE ONLY MAKES EXPLICIT THE PRINCIPLE "RES INTER ALIOS ACTA". THE MBFR NEGOTIATION AND ITS RESULTS COULD NOT HAVE ANY EFFECT ON FRENCH FORCES IN GERMANY, NOT ENTAILING FOR THE FRENCH

GOVERNMENT ANY OBLIGATION, DIRECT OR INDIRECT, JURIDICAL, POLITICAL OR OTHERWISE, AND COULD NOT IN ANY CIRCUMSTANCE BE USED AGAINST THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT (EN AUCUNE CIRCONSTANCE LUI ETRE OPPOSE). IN THIS RESPECT I WISH TO RECALL THAT WE HAVE REMAINED, SINCE THE BEGINNING, ENTIRELY EXTERIOR TO THE NEGOTIATION AND THAT THIS IS STILL OUR POSITION. OUR PRESENCE AT YOUR DELIBERATIONS DOES NOT SIGNIFY - IT GOES WITHOUT SAYING - THAT WE GIVE A TACIT APPROVAL TO SUCH-AND-SUCH ASPECT OF YOUR WORK OR OF YOUR DECISIONS. THIS IS WELL UNDERSTOOD ALSO WITH RESPECT TO THE DECISION WHICH YOU TOOK TO INTRODUCE INTO THE CALCULATION OF THE COMMON CEILING THE FRENCH FORCES IN GERMANY. INDEED, IN GOOD LOGIC, FRENCH FORCES SHOULD NOT BE INTRODUCED INTO THESE CALCULATIONS SINCE THE FRENCH POSITION, PUBLICLY AFFIRMED ON MANY OCCASIONS, IS WELL-KNOWN BY ALL.

WE RESERVE THE RIGHT TO BRING UP THESE QUESTION AGAIN, EACH TIME THAT IT IS NECESSARY, EITHER IN SPC OR IN THE COUNCIL - AND PARTICULARLY WHEN YOU WOULD ENVISAGE AN EXCHANGE OF DATA WITH THE OTHER SIDE.  
END UNOFFICIAL TRANSLATION OFFRENCH TEXT.

3. COMMENT: THE DUTCH HAD QUESTIONED THE NEED FOR THE SECOND SENTENCE OF THE FRENCH FOOTNOTE, AND MAINTAINED THE ADEQUACY OF THE FOOTNOTE IN PARA 3 OF C-M(73)83; WE HAD GIVEN THE DUTCH LOW KEY SUPPORT, IN ACCORDANCE WITH INSTRUCTIONS (REF B). FRENCH REP DID NOT ADDRESS THE POSSIBILITY OF A FOOTNOTE CONTAINING THE FRENCH FIRST SENTENCE PLUS A REFERENCE TO PARA 3 OF C-M(73)83, WHICH THE REST OF THE SPC WAS PREPARED TO ACCEPT, BUT PREFERRED INSTEAD TO WITHDRAW THE WHOLE FOOTNOTE. END COMMENTBRUCE

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